(6) Malabar Travel Mart

(7) Onam Festival

(8) Elephant festival

(9) Development of Tribal village Nellar Chal, Wayanad

The project proposals, complete in all respect, as per guidelines are processed on inter-se-priority basis and funds released, subject to availability under the respective head.

(c) The following projects have been sanctioned till date for development of tourism in Kerala:

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Sanctioned amount (Rupees in lakhs)
1.	Development of Beach Circuit	798.00
2.	Development of Thekkinkad Maidan Thrissur	489.00
3.	Integrated developed of Golf Course & Country club at the Cochin International Airport, Kerala under Large Revenue Generating scheme.	1000.00
4.	Integrated development of Alappuzha Heritage town as tourist circuit	800.00
5.	Development of Based Marketing tools for Kerala (IT project)	14.00

(d) Project proposals received, complete in all respect, are processed on the basis of inter-se-priority basis and funds released, subject to availability under the respective head. However, execution and implementation of projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism is the responsibility of the State Government of Kerala.

Connectivity for tourist spots

2253. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are various tourist spots in different parts of the country which do not attract many tourists due to lack of proper connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to get these places connected to main stream areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism has emphasized with the State Governments on the need for improving connectivity to major tourist centres. The States have also been advised to send proposals for such connectivity to the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for funding under their scheme of Central Road Fund. In addition, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has also been requested for improving the national highways connecting to major tourist centres in the country.

Development of tourist spots in Himachal Pradesh

†2254. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has submitted any schemes for the development of tourist spots during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 to the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of schemes sanctioned during the said period and the amount released to the State Government; and

(d) the progress made in these schemes so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/U.T. Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UTs for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation with them every year for providing financial assistance under the schemes Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development and Large Revenue Generating Projects. Project proposals that are complete in all respect are processed on the basis of their inter-se priority and funds released, subject to their availability under the respective Head.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.